



## The Toro Giving Program

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### For Immediate Release

#### Toro Scholarship Program Recognizes Area Students

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (July 15, 2009) – Education is a top priority for The Toro Company, where a host of life-long learning opportunities for employees has been a company hallmark for years. This includes two scholarship programs offered to employee dependents through the Toro Giving Program and the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation. In 2009, these programs awarded scholarships to 124 students in California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas, Wisconsin, Mexico and Australia – all totaling more than \$207,000.

The goal of the Toro Scholarship Program and the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation Scholarship Program is to recognize a diverse mix of deserving students. Together, these programs have contributed more than \$1.8 million in tuition assistance to employee dependents – and it continues to grow each year. Both programs currently award individual gifts that range from \$500 to \$2,000. Toro is proud of its commitment to education for both employees and their families as another way of giving back to the community.

“The Toro Giving Program sees education as a primary component in empowering Toro communities,” states Judson Tharin, manager of the Giving Program and community relations. “We are proud to assist Toro employee dependents in achieving their educational goals.”

The Toro Giving Program is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients:

Student	Hometown	Scholarship	School
Christopher Allan	El Paso, TX	Kendrick B. Melrose	El Paso Community College
Pedro Apolonio	Juarez, Mexico	Toro Scholarship	Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez
Angela Arena	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	University of Nebraska – Omaha

Daniel Balder	Bloomington, MN	Toro Scholarship	Dakota County Technical College
Heather Barnard	Riverside, CA	Toro Scholarship	University of California – San Diego
Jennifer Barnard	Riverside, CA	Toro Scholarship	University of California – Los Angeles
Deborah Baube	Minneapolis, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Kaitlin Becerra	Necedah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Illinois Institute of Art: Chicago
Brandon Becker	Apple Valley, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Miami
Lindsay Becker	Apple Valley, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Southern California
Erica Benson	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	Peru State College
Matthew Benson	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Justin Berkowitz	Edina, MN	Toro Scholarship	Lawrence University
Melissa Berkowitz	Edina, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of St. Thomas
Kevin Betthausen	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	Drake University
Brandon Brinkman	St. Louis Park, MN	Toro Scholarship	St. John’s University
Marcus Buchholz	Wilton, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Laura Bukowski	Inver Grove Heights, MN	Toro Scholarship	College of St. Catherine
Tyler Buss	Adams, NE	Toro Scholarship	Nebraska Wesleyan University
Alejandro Chaib	El Paso, TX	Toro Scholarship	Arizona State University
Caroline Cogley	Parkdale, Australia	Toro Scholarship	Monash University - Caulfield
Alissa Cohen	Corona, CA	Toro Scholarship	University of California – Santa Barbara
Stephanie Collette	St. Paul, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of St. Thomas
Mary Conry	Eden Prairie, MN	Toro Scholarship	Northwestern University
Kristen Courtney	Tomah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Minnesota State College
Josue I. Cuellar	Juarez, Mexico	Toro Scholarship	Instituto Tecnologico de Ciudad Juarez
Luis Dominguez	Juarez, Mexico	Toro Scholarship	University of Texas at El Paso
Andy Doyle	Wilton, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Mackenzie Drutowski	Inver Grove Heights, MN	Toro Scholarship	George Washington University
Kati Ducklow	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	Winona State University
Kyle Edwards	Farmington, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Charles Ellson	Chanhausen, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Joshua Elston	Windom, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Minnesota
Kristina Empanger	Chaska	Toro Scholarship	St. Mary’s University
Jenna Evans	Tomah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Kayla Ferguson	Chanhausen, MN	Toro Scholarship	Simpson College

Cassie Finkner	Adams, NE	Toro Scholarship	Southeast Community College
Kelly Flesner	Virginia, NE	Toro Scholarship	Nebraska Wesleyan University
Corey Friedges	New Prague, MN	Toro Scholarship	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Bradley Guertin	Mounds View, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Matthew Guertin	Mounds View, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Christopher Gumm	Marlton, NJ	Toro Scholarship	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Jenna Haberman	Brewster, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Timothy Haberman	Brewster, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Ashley Harms	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	Southeast Community College
Karlyee Heidemann	Tomah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Michael Hiley	Windom, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin
Cassandra Hilton	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	Nebraska Wesleyan University
Kara Hilton	Beatrice, NE	Toro Scholarship	Nebraska Wesleyan University
Mary Imsdahl	Burnsville, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Jennifer Jeffrey	Windom, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Bethany Lutheran College
Beth Johnson	St. Paul, MN	Toro Scholarship	Creighton University
Daniel Kanitz	Burnsville, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin-Stout
Tyler Kent	Eagan, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of St. Thomas
Kelsey King	Lakeville, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	St. Cloud State University
Heidi Krueger	Odell, NE	Kendrick B. Melrose	Concordia University
Katy Lamer	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Erica Langland	Warrens, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Western Technical College
Elizabeth Larsen	Beatrice, NE	Kendrick B. Melrose	Nebraska Wesleyan University
Adam Larson	Tomah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Mindy Larson	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	Western Technical College
Kimberly Leis	Wilton, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Western Technical College
Kristine Leitzke	Minneapolis, MN	Toro Scholarship	College of St. Catherine
Brooke Lerohl	Storden, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Ridgewater College
Tyler Liebsch	Owatonna, MN	Toro Scholarship	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Carrie Linscheid	Butterfield, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Melissa Mannise	Norwalk, WI	Toro Scholarship	Western Technical College
Andrew McGlasson	Eugene, OR	Toro Scholarship	Oregon Institute of Technology
Adrienne Meier	Fulda, MN	Toro Scholarship	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Tiffany Mewes-Dunn	Wymore, NE	Kendrick B. Melrose	Kansas State University

Theodore Midthun	Wayzata, MN	Toro Scholarship	St. Cloud State University
Kristin Miller	Burnsville, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Michigan
Ana Molina	El Paso, TX	Toro Scholarship	University of Texas at El Paso
Hilda Murillo	Juarez, Mexico	Toro Scholarship	Instituto Tecnologico de Ciudad Juarez
Jordan Murray	Wilton, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Viterbo University
Jameson Palm	Windom, MN	Toro Scholarship	South Dakota State University
Malori Paplow	Windom, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Bethel University
Ana Gabriela Pereda	Juarez, Mexico	Toro Scholarship	Sistema Cultural Romei S.A.
Andrea Pratt	Burnsville, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Melissa Prell	Kendall, WI	Toro Scholarship	Western Technical College
Amy Rahn	New Prague, MN	Toro Scholarship	Northwestern College
Kimberly Rand	Belle Plain, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Jacob Rego	Elroy, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh
David Reilly	Hastings, MN	Toro Scholarship	Michigan Technological University
Sarah Rockwell	Colgate, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Concordia University Wisconsin
Bethany Ross	Wilton, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Brittany Rud	Eagan, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Danielle Rud	Eagan, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota-Duluth
Anna Russell	Sydney, Australia	Kendrick B. Melrose	Australian College of Applied Psychology
Emily Saathoff	Beatrice, NE	Kendrick B. Melrose	Northwest Missouri State University
Emily Schack	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Jordan Schmitz	St. James, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Kayla Schneider	Eden Prairie, MN	Toro Scholarship	Iowa State University
Cody Scholze	Camp Douglas, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Viterbo University
Emily Smith	Burnsville, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota-Morris
Erin Sorenson	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – Stout
Paul Stadem	Eden Prairie, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota
Jessica Stahl	Windom, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	Southwest Minnesota State University
Benjamin Stalpes	Corcoran, MN	Toro Scholarship	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Elizabeth Staszak	Elko, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	St. Norbert College
Alex Svac	Shakopee, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Kristine Svoboda	Bloomington, MN	Toro Scholarship	Bethel University
Amber Thompson	Rochester, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	University of Alaska-Fairbanks
Keith Thompson	St. James, MN	Toro Scholarship	Buena Vista University

Shell-Sea Thompson	El Cajon, CA	Toro Scholarship	University of California – San Diego
Jesse Thornsen	Sparta, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Iowa State University
Seth Tormoen	Wilton, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Katie Ullman	Lino Lakes, MN	Kendrick B. Melrose	College of St. Catherine
Jacob Unvert	Adams, NE	Kendrick B. Melrose	Southeast Community College
Chris Visconti	Flinders Park, Australia	Kendrick B. Melrose	TAFE NSW
Joshua Vollmer	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Nicole Vollmer	Tomah, WI	Kendrick B. Melrose	Wisconsin College of Cosmetology
Kasie Von Haden	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	Viterbo University
Kyle Von Haden	Tomah, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
Brooke Waltemath	Camp Douglas, WI	Toro Scholarship	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Matt Weber	Bloomington, MN	Toro Scholarship	Madison Area Technical College
Olga Zakharenko	Woodbury, MN	Toro Scholarship	University of Minnesota

### **About the Toro Giving Program**

Through the Toro Giving Program, Toro is committed to beautifying and preserving outdoor environments, enhancing communities and improving people’s lives. The contributions – monetary, in-kind and volunteerism – are focused on improving communities where employees live, work and play, as well as strengthening the turf industry.

### **About The Toro Company**

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of turf and landscape maintenance equipment, and precision irrigation systems. With sales of nearly \$1.9 billion in fiscal 2008, Toro’s global presence extends to more than 140 countries through its reputation of world-class service, innovation and turf expertise. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands to help customers care for golf courses, sports fields, public green spaces, commercial and residential properties, and agricultural fields. More information is available at [www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com).

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